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# ACT No. 18

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDWARDS, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, CARMODY, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, ELLINGTON, ERNST, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LITTLE, LOPINTO, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONToucET, MORRIS, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PETERSON, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SIMON, SMILEY, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, TUCKER, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS CHEEK, DORSEY, ERDEY, GRAY EVANS, HEITMEIER, MOUNT, NEVERS, AND THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:381, relative to state war veterans hospitals and care facilities;  
3 to provide who may use the facilities; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 29:381 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §381. Authority to operate and maintain; definition of war veterans; eligibility of  
7 other veterans and nonveterans

8 The Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby authorized to operate and  
9 maintain ~~healthcare~~ health care facilities for war veterans with psychiatric and  
10 geriatric conditions, and other such veterans and nonveterans as deemed eligible  
11 under Title 38 of the United States Code. For the purpose of this Part, "war  
12 veterans" shall be construed to mean such ex-service persons as were discharged  
13 under other than dishonorable conditions, and who served in any branch of the armed

1            forces of the United States during the period of any war in which the United States  
2            participated, including the Korean Conflict, or who performed such services after  
3            January 31, 1955, including the Vietnam era.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_